Illegal encroachments around monuments in Delhi

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of monuments of historical importance in Delhi in the year 1950 and the present status of each monument;

(b) the number of monuments which do not exist at present and the details thereof;

(c) the reasons of non-existence of these monument;

(d) the department which is responsible to take care and maintenance of these monuments;

(e) whether illegal encroachment has been made on the nearby lands of some of the monuments;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by government to remove illegal encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) There were 157 centrally protected monuments/sites of historical importance in Delhi in the year 1950. The present status of each monument is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 208 Annexure no. 10]. Of these eleven monuments/sites in Delhi are not traceable. The details of untraced monuments alongwith reasons for their non-existence is given in the Statement-I *(See* below).

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for maintenance of monuments/sites declared as of national importance.

(e) to (g) The details of illegal encroachments and the action taken by the Archaeological Survey of India in removing the illegal encroachments is given in the Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

Monuments declared protected till 1950 which do not exist at present

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Notification number	Reasons
1	2	3	4
1.	Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & Others who fell in an attack on Kishanganj	(1). 5956-Educ-dt. 05.10.1992 (2). 7331-Educ-dt.13.12.1992	During the inspection of the site in 1998 it was informed by Shri Abdul Khaliq S/o Shri Hazi Muhamad Zakullah R/o 10350, Bagichi, Pirji, Rohtak Road, Delhi that a grave known by the name of 'Gore-ki-Qabr' was existing in open space opposite Delhi Cloth Mills upto August, 1947. But in the night of 5th September, 1947 it was demolished by the military on the orders of the Government. It has also been informed by him that at the time of demolition he was residing in House No. 6794, Beri Wala Bagh (Opp. Gore-ki-Qabr). It is proposed for de-protection.
2.	Tomb with three domes near Railway Station	(1). 1947-Educ-dt. 11.04.1924 (2). 3201-Educ-dt. 11.06.1924	During the survey done in 1998, the monument was not traceable. It appears that due to the proximity of the monument with Nizamuddin railway station the monument may have been damaged. Moreover, a lot of development has also taken place in the area. Since the monument is not traceable, therefore it has proposed for de-protection.

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3.	The Moti Gate of Sher Shah's Delhi	(1). 1717-Edu- dt. 01.03.1913	The monument was notified as a centrally protected monument on 01.03.1913 and Sher Shah's gate was notified as a centrally protected monument at a later date *i.e.* 12.12.1925. But the Moti gate does not 'appear in the list of protected monuments accepted by the Govt. of India, "corrected upto 1928 (Pub. govt. of India Press, Simla, 1928) although Sher Shah's gate is listed at Sl. No. 75 (p. 8-9). Since the monument is not traceable it is proposed for de-protection.
4.	Pool Chadar	(1) 2282-Educ- dt. 18.03.1913 (2) Not available	Since the site was demolished at the time of construction of Delhi Rohtak Road in nineteen seventies and is now not traceable and proposed for de-protection.
5.	Alipur cemetery	(1). 5956-Educ. dt. 05.10.1992 (2). 7331-Educ. dt. 13.12.1992	The monument appears to have been lost when bye-pass on G.T. Karnal Road near Alipur Village was being laid in nineteen eighties. There is no trace of the cemetery at the site now. Therefore it is proposed for de-protection.
6.	Bara Khamba cemetery	(1). 5956-Educ. dt.05.10.1992 (2). 7331-Educ.dt.13.12.1992	The monument is not traceable due to rapid urbanization. It has as such been recommended for de-protection
7.	Nicholson Statue, its platform, its surrounding gardens,	(1). 7911-Educ- dt. 23.10.1913 (2). 9058-Educ-	The site has lost its value since the statue is stated to have been taken away to

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	paths and enclosure wall.	dt. 11.12.1913.	Canada in nineteen seventies, which was once located in front of Mori Gate. The platform is also not traceable. Hence it has been recommended for de-protection.
8.	Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription:-"Right Attack, Lieutenant F.R. Manscil, R.E., Directing Engineer, No. 1 Battery — Right, Major James Brind, R.A., Commanding, Armament five 18-pounders: one 18-inch howitzer. To silence Mori Bastion."	(1). 5661-Educ. dt. 16.09.1925 (2). 6558-Educ. dt. 30.10.1925	The site was completely damaged in 1995 by the Hospital authorities of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. An FIR was also lodged with the local police station. Hence the site has been recommended for de-protection.
9.	Site of Siege Battery with following inscription:— "No. II Battery-Right, Major Edward Kayte, R.A., Commanding Armament two 1—pounders; seven 8 - inch howitzers, To breach Kashmir bastion."	(1). 5661-Educ. dt. 16.09.1925 (2). 6558-Educ. dt. 30.10.1925	The monument is not traceable as on date. It seems the monument got damaged at the time of construction of Delhi Rohtak Road in 1917. Therefore it is proposed for de-protection.
10.	Inchla Wali Gumti	(1). 293-Educ. dt. 11.01.1918 (2). 2324-Educ. dt. 25.03.1918	The monument is not traceable due to urbanization, it was recommended for de-protection.

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11.	Shamsi Talab together with both the platform entrance gates.	(1). 960-Educ. dt. 30.10.1907 (2). 37-Educ. dt. 15.02.1908	The monument—a mosque known by the name Shamsi Tallab, together with both the platform and entrance gate does not appear in the 'List of protected monuments accepted by the Government of India corrected upto September, 1928 (Pub. by Government of India and Press, Simla, 1928), although it was notified as a centrally protected monument in Punjab Gazette dated 15-02-1908. But Hauz Shamsi, with central red stone pavilion was notified as centrally protected monument *vide* notification no. 7485-Edu. dated 25-10-1918 appear in the above referred list at Sl. No. 103 (pp. 154-55). In Vol. III of *'Monument of Delhi-Lasting Splendour of the Great Mughals and Others'* compiled by Maulvi Zafar Hasan (Pub. 1920), the monument described at Sl. No. 98, p. 66 is named as Hauz Shamsi (Shamsi tank) but there is no description of any mosque known by the name of Shamsi. Since Shamsi Tallab and Hauz Shamsi appear to be the same monument, Shasmi Talab together with both the platforms and entrance gate has been recommen-ded for de-protection.

Statement-II

The details of centrally protected monuments under encroachment in Delhi and the steps initiated to evict the encroachers from the protected monuments

Sl. No.	Name of Monument/Site	Location	Action initiated to evict the encroachers from the protected monuments
1	2	3	4
1.	Lal Gumbad	Chirag Delhi	The main encroachments from the protected area of the monuments have been removed. The Archaeological Survey of India has provided a porta-cabin to keep the material essentially required by the namazis. Toilet/wazu facilities to facilitate removal of remaining encroachments are being provided.
2.	Nili Masjid	Hauz Khas	Since the monument is under prayers the Archaeological Survey of India in consultation with Delhi Wakf Board and Imam has provided a porta-cabin to keep the material essentially required by the namazis and toilet/wazu facilities. The process for removal of the encroachments will be soon initiated.
3.	Tomb of Razia Begum in Mohalla Bulbuli Khana	Shahjahanabad	Since the monument is under prayers the Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi Wakf Board and Imam, have discussed the matter in detail. The Archeological Survey of India has provided a porta-cabin

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			to keep the material (saif. Book etc.) essentially required by the namazis. An awning has also been provided besides wazu facility. The encroachment has been removed.
4.	Ancient Mosque	Palam	Since the monument is under prayers prior to its notification as centrally protected monument. The additions/ alterations carried out over a period of time have altered the original fabric of the monument to a large extent. Efforts are being made in consultation with Delhi Wakf Board to reach an amicable solution to remove the encroachments.
5.	Qudasia Mosque	Qudasia Garden	Since the monument is used for prayers the Archaeological Survey of India in consultation with Delhi Wakf Board and Imam has provided a porta-cabin to keep the meterial essentially required by the namazis and toilet/wazu facilities. Removal of encroachments from the monument would be soon taken up.
6.	Sunehri Masjid near Red Fort	Delhi Fort	Since the monument is used for prayers the Archaeological Survey of India in consultation with Delhi Wakf Board and Imam has provided a porta-cabin to keep the material

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			essentially required by the namazis and a toilet to facilitate removal of encroachments.
7.	Kashmiri Gate and portion of the city Wall on either side of the Kashmiri Gate on the side and on the other upto and including the water bastions at the northern corner of the wall and also including the ditch outside the City Wall where this is exposed.	Kashmiri Gate	The Archaeological Survey of India with the assistance from civic and law enforcing agencies has evicated 39 encroachers from the centrally protected monument on 14.05-2006.
8.	Purana Qila (Indraprastha)	Two miles south of the Delhi Gate of Shahjahanabad, Delhi	The matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble high court of Delhi for final disposal. The Hon'ble court has granted stay. The next date of hearing is 23.08.2006.
9.	Tughluqabad	Dadarpur Zail	The matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for disposal.
10.	Begumpuri Masjid	Begampur	The Archaeological Survey of India has filed an application in the Hon'ble High Court for modification of the earlier order in view of the latest demarcation carried out by the Revenue authorities.

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11.	Sarai Shahji	Near Shivalik, Malviya Nagar	A part of protected area is under encroachment since the time of its protection. Some of the encroachers have got stay order from the Hon'ble court and the matter is listed for 14.9.2006. The removal of encroachments from the remaining portion of the protected area and the mosque is being vigorously persued.
12.	Rajpur (Mutiny) cemetery	Old Rajpur Cantonment North Distt.	The Archaeological Survey of India has initiated action for removal of 205 encroachers from the protected area of the monument by issuing show cause notices and personal hearings, etc. the written submissions of the notices are being processed for further necessary action.
13.	D'Eremao Cemetery	Kishanganj	The persons served with demolition orders have filed CWP No. 20917/2005 in the Hon'ble High Court. The Hon'ble Court has directed to maintain status-quo till the next date of hearing *i.e.* 8.12.2006.
14.	Lothian Road Cemetery	Kashmiri Gate	The encroachments have been removed on 09.07.2006.

Development and maintenance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial, Karamsad

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to